

## Lesson IV.

## JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY

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John 13 : 1-15. Study John 13 : 1-20—Memory Verses, 3-5.

**Golden Text**—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you.—John 13 : 34.



wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

10 Je'sus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit : and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him ; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you ?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for so I am.

14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet ; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The time was now very near when Jesus was to leave the world and go back to His home in heaven, and He and His disciples were keeping the Feast of the Passover together, for the last time. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, had promised the chief priests of the Jews to give Jesus up to them that very night, and Jesus' heart was filled with sadness at the thought of this, and of going away so soon from His beloved disciples and friends. He wished to show them once more how much He loved them, and, at the same time, teach them to be humble.

So Jesus, who was a King and the Son of God, and had come down from heaven, rose up as they were eating, and laid aside His upper robe, and took a towel and a basin

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's *son*, to betray him ;

3 Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God ;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments ; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter : and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet ?

7 Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I

of water, and began to wash His disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel which He had wrapped around Him, just as the most humble servant in the house would have done.

Soon He came to Simon Peter. But Peter was ashamed to have Jesus wash his feet, as if He were his servant ; and he said, " Lord, Thou art surely not going to wash my feet ! " Jesus answered, " Thou dost not understand why I do this now, but thou shalt know some day ". " Thou shalt never wash my feet, Lord ", repeated Peter. " If I do not wash them ", said Jesus, " thou art not My true disciple ".

" Lord, if that be so ", cried Peter, " then wash, not only my feet, but my hands and